

Merrill Moves Up District Game

Crucial Billed Friday

Merrill's Dist. 5 Class B football clash with Jacksonville has been moved up to Friday, Merrill Principal Harold Hendrickson announced yesterday.

The game was changed to give more spectators a chance to witness the important tilt and because officials hired were also committed to handle the Bend-Klamath Falls game Saturday afternoon, the original time scheduled for the Merrill-Jacksonville tilt.

There's a lot at stake for Ed Rooney's Jacksonville Redskins and Ray Rader's Merrill Huskies. The winner earns a spot in the state Class B quarter-final round against the Dist. 6 champion, Jacksonville clinched the Jackson County crown with a 33-6 victory over Talent.



SPARKPLUGS of Merrill's backfield are (l to r) Johnny O'Neil and Jerry Wolfgram. The Huskies face Jacksonville tomorrow night in Merrill for the Dist. 5 Class B title and a berth in the state playoffs.

VOTE

Principals of Klamath County schools named Merrill as its representative after the Huskies ended tied with Malin, both with 4-1 records, and a vote was called.

The ballot followed the script inasmuch as Merrill holds a 26-13 victory over Malin.

Both Rader and Rooney named starters yesterday.

Aerrill goes with ends Leland Winters and Dale McCulloch, tackles Ray Mattson and Bill Hill, guards Dan Barry and Jack Hendrickson, center Bernie Anderson, halfbacks Don Heaton and Leroy Johnson, fullback John O'Neil and tailback Jerry Wolfgram.

Defensive changes would switch Mattson to a guard spot, put Dick Fields at his tackle spot, Gary Walters for Winters at end and Cliff Honeycutt for Don Heaton at halfback.

Named for Jacksonville starting positions are ends Joe Nolan and Dick Souza, tackles Dick Teal and Leonard Wicksten, guards Marvin Maxwell and Dace Maddox, center Tom Wall, quarterback Don Green, halfbacks Don and Leroy Clay and fullback Harvey Hueters.

Freddie Walters, brother of Merrill's Gary, works a defensive halfback position with Jim Cahler, Jim Worley is at safety and Jim Workack at a linebacking spot.



Giants, Forty-Niners Meet in Top Pro Tilt

NEW YORK (AP)—There aren't any setups in the National Football League these days what with the teams at the bottom of the ladder beating the leaders with alarming regularity—but if ever there has been a crucial game this season, it is Sunday's affair between the New York Giants and the San Francisco 49ers.

The result could settle the championship of both divisions of the loop. The New Yorkers are tied with the Cleveland Browns for the lead in the American Conference and the 49ers are just one game ahead of the Detroit Lions in the National Division.

Then, of course, there is Hugh McElhenny, the rookie back from the University of Washington, who has been setting the league on fire. Currently he is the leading ground gainer, having taken the No. 1 spot away from the Giants' Eddie Price a couple of weeks ago.

"He reminds me a lot of George McAfee," said Lavelle, "only he's bigger." That's no small compliment, a youngster being compared to the great Bears' back of several years ago.



DICK FLANINGAM, ex-Grants Pass lad now in his second year at Oregon Tech, will be catching 'em for the Owls Saturday afternoon at Monmouth in an Oregon Collegiate Conference game against Oregon College.

Owls Seek to Bust OCE Grid Monopoly

By **RED HURD**

The Oregon Tech Owls don't like monopolies—particularly football-type monopolies.

And they intend to remedy Saturday one monopoly that is going on up Monmouth way.

The Oregon Collegiate Wolves of Monmouth have captured the Oregon Collegiate Conference title since the birth of the grid loop in 1890.

And, to make matters even more aggravating, the Owls have finished in the runner-up spot.

That's not all. In addition to 26-0 (1950) and 19-6 (1951) wins for the Wolves in league play over the Owls, the Monmouth eleven won 33-0 in 1949 and 19-6 in 1948 before the league was formed.

Oregon Tech is highly favored to succeed in its crusade for a change, but so were they last year when Oregon College won a two-touchdown victory on Modoc Field.

The Wolves are admittedly below par this season but have shown improvement as the campaign rolls along. Add to this that Oregon College always points for Oregon Tech, and you have the makings of a ding-dong battle that could surprise some of the grid-wise.

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Klamath Printing 3 Louie's 1
6th St. Oregon 3 Landry 1
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French Champion Dies After Fight

LONDON (AP)—Honore Pratesi, former French flyweight champion, died in the London Hospital Thursday 38 hours after being badly battered in a 10-round fight.

The 31-year-old Frenchman was outpointed by Zulu Jake Tull, British Empire champion, Tuesday night.

Pratesi collapsed in his dressing room an hour after the fight and was rushed to hospital where two brain operations and a blood transfusion were performed Wednesday.

He was the 12th boxer to die of ring injuries in Britain since the war.

Wagner Trounces Sabotin

CLEVELAND (AP)—A possible bout with Harry Matthews or Dan Bucceroni loomed for hard-hitting Dick Wagner Thursday following his convincing victory over Lulu Sabotin.

The rough house battler from Toppensish, Wash., swarmed all over the Warren, O., fireman in winning a unanimous decision Wednesday night in Cleveland Arena.

Wagner weighed 175 and Sabotin a pound less than the nationally televised and broadcast show.

Matchmaker Larry Atkins said he was trying to line up either Matthews or Bucceroni, both top-ranking light heavies, for a bout with Wagner on the Cleveland News' annual Christmas Fund Show.

Matthews fought on the program last December in outpointing Danny Nardico. Wagner has long been a Cleveland crowd-pleaser.

Sabotin, with his long reach, quelled the fire in Wagner during the early rounds of the bout before a slim crowd of 1,350 Wednesday night. But Wagner found the range in the fourth when he started the blood flowing from Sabotin's nose. From then on he continued his buzz saw tactics.

Race Injuries Kill Driver

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—Joe James, 27-year-old racing driver from Van Nuys, Calif., died late Wednesday of injuries suffered when his car cracked up Sunday at the AAA 100-mile championship race here.

James suffered a fractured skull when his racer flipped over four times as he was leading on the 4th lap. He apparently had been blinded by the sun.

Huskie Polish Offensive Game

SEATTLE (AP)—The Washington Huskies worked to polish their passing and running attacks in drills Wednesday preparing for Saturday's Pacific Coast Conference football encounter with California.

Coach Howie Odell had Don Heinrich operating, as usual, at quarterback, Bill Earley and Jack Kyllingstad at right and left half, respectively, and Jack Nugent at fullback as the offensive team ran through dummy scrimmages.

Bruins Stress Passing Game

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Passing drills were the main items on Thursday's practice schedule at UCLA, with third string Primo Villanueva slated to see more action than usual against Oregon State here Saturday.

The sophomore from Calexico has shown flashes of excellent work at the fullback spot in the few chances he has had to play this season.

Coach Red Sanders hopes to be able to play the youngster more this week.

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Pelicans End Season Saturday In Mix With Bend Lava Bears

The Klamath Pelicans, outplayed and out-drawn for the Dist. 6 football title, wind up their season Saturday afternoon on Modoc Field against the Bend Lava Bears, still in contention for the Dist. 6 title. Kickoff time is 1:30 p.m.

This keen football rivalry, traditionally settled on Armistice Day, has been moved up to Saturday to give the Bears a full week's rest in the event they land in the state quarter-final playoffs.

The Pelicans will be facing champions or also-rans Saturday because the Dist. 6 squabble will be settled Friday night, it depends on the outcome of the Albany-Corvallis game.

Albany can the Bend with a victory over Corvallis. A Corvallis victory would give Bend the championship.

In seven games, just a 6-6 tie with Albany marks an otherwise perfect Bend record with six victories.

An early thigh injury, aggravated in the Grants Pass game, has sidelined George Hanson, Pelican end, for the game. Tackle Doug Campbell, playing just part-time against the Cavemen with a shoulder separation, may see just limited duty in the Bend game.

Top ground-gainers for Bend are halfbacks Miles Boardman and tiny Bill Robeck, just 135 pounds.

Volney Sigmond is the passer from the quarterback spot.

Fullback Jerry Calhoun completes the backfield.

Bend's six wins are over Corvallis (24-7), Sweet Home (19-6), Lebanon (20-7), Prineville (20-13), Lebanon (26-25) and Redmond (20-0).

Bill Salt and Larry Yarnell will match passes with Sigmond. Ken Young and Calvin Gilmore will be at the halfback posts, Jim Dougherty at fullback.

Jockey Eyes National Record

LINCOLN, R. I. (AP)—Jockey Tony Despirito needs 61 more winners to tie the national record of riding the most winners in one year—358. He booted home two winners at Lincoln Downs Wednesday to up his 1952 total to 327.

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